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1. CIHI HOTLINK TO ICF CLEARINGHOUSE.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) speaks for Canada on ICF issues, and the CIHI website is hot linked to the ICF Clearinghouse. Check out the link at

http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?cw_page=codingclass_icf_e

At the right hand side you'll see Web sites/ICF - that takes you to the Clearinghouse subscription. We thank Diane Caulfeild at CIHI for coordinating this effort. You recall that she was in the ICF Clearinghouse December 2002 "Spotlight".

2. PROFILE OF ICF CLEARINGHOUSE MEMBERS

We've gleaned a bit of information from the email addresses of subscribers.

Of the 227 subscribers, 76% have U.S. email addresses, 18% have Canadian email addresses, and 6% have other international addresses. While the Clearinghouse targets North American interests, we are pleased that ICF professionals in other countries are interested in what is going on in North America! Also, 23% have government email addresses, 26% have university addresses, and 51% have commercial and other addresses.

3. APRIL 1, 2003 ABSTRACT DEADLINE FOR 9TH NORTH AMERICAN COLLABORATING CENTER CONFERENCE ON ICF AT THE CHASE PARK PLAZA HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI - JUNE 16 - 19, 2003

There is an April 1 abstract deadline for the 9th North American Collaborating Center Conference on ICF, to be hosted by Washington University in St. Louis and sponsored by the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for the Family of International Classifications for North America. It is being held in St. Louis, Missouri, June 16-19, 2003. This conference will bring together people from across the United States and Canada involved with the ICF. WHO representatives are invited and other international colleagues are welcome. The proposal(s) must be received by April 1, 2003 and address one or more

of these topics: ICF use in surveys; ICF in clinical practice; ICF use in administrative records; Using ICF as a code set to record and classify functional status for payment and quality purposes; Coding with ICF; Using ICF and ICD together; Preparing ICF codebooks, operations and procedures manuals; ICF conceptual and issue areas; Addressing strategies for ICF implementation; Discussing ICF assessment tools cross walked with other assessment tools; Basic ICF research; Developing ICF training tools and identifying ICF educational needs; ICF and Teaching; ICF and Environment; ICF and Participation; International Updates. If you wish to discuss your abstract prior to submission, please contact Paul Placek (tel 301-458-4437; pjp2@cdc.gov) or David Gray(314-286-1658 grayda@msnotes.wustl.edu). Acceptance, rejection, or modify and resubmit feedback will be given by the April 25 deadline. Plenary presentations are most typical but panel discussions and other presentation formats will be considered. The Program Committee must receive final speaker's notes and presentation materials by May 26, 2003. PowerPoint visual support will be provided. Completed forms and abstract proposal submission by e-mail to: welchp@gwbmail.wustl.edu. A "Permission to Duplicate" form must be signed. Your 300-500 word abstract should meet format guidelines as specified in the December ICF Clearinghouse message at <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/about/otheract/icd9/icfhome.htm> or contact Trish Welch for more information (welchp@gwbmail.wustl.edu). See the attachment "2003NACC..." in the December 2002 ICF Clearinghouse message.

4. EIGHTH NACC ICF MEETING REPORT AVAILABLE. The final and complete report of the June 2002 NACC ICF Conference in Toronto is available at http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/en/downloads/icf_jun02_NACC2002_e.pdf

5. DISABILITY CONFERENCE LIST UPDATED. The master list of disability conferences has been updated. Old conferences are deleted, new conferences have been added for 2003 and beyond, in the attachment "ICF-Jan-Co...". About 40 conferences are listed.

6. AUSTRALIAN ICF USER'S GUIDE, DATA DICTIONARY. On December 23, 2002, the Australian (ICD/ICF) Collaborating Centre, through the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, announced that it had just placed on its website an ICF Australian User Guide Version 0.5. The guide is designed as a complement to the ICF, to promote its use in Australia.

This is a public draft for comment and discussion, and they welcome your comments and suggestions. The link is:

http://www.aihw.gov.au/disability/icf_ug/index.html

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Information and updates on the Australian Data Dictionary can be retrieved from the Australian Bureau of Statistics:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/Websitedbs/c311215.nsf/20564c23f3183fdaca25672100813ef1/b3a68baf7243ba1ca256bfa008256a0!OpenDocument>

7. SUMMARY OF DEC. 5, 2002 ICF MEETING FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES. The December 5 meeting for federal agencies on "The ICF: Potential Influence on Disability and Rehabilitation in Federal Agencies" took place as scheduled, despite a surprise 9" snow storm that reduced

agency attendance substantially. The meeting was sponsored by the Interagency Committee on Disability Research, and provided an opportunity to introduce agencies to the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) and to reinforce and explore ICF's potential for those already aware of the classification. There were a number of excellent presentations, including those by Dr. Somnath Chatterji of the World Health Organization, Dr. Mary Chamie of the United Nations Statistics Division, Dr. Geoffrey Reed of the American Psychological Association, and Dr. Lisa Iezzoni of Harvard Medical School and former member of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, as well as remarks by two disability advocates. After lunch, participants broke into two groups to discuss possible agency applications of the ICF. There was general consensus that ICF, as a framework and as a classification system, could be used in addressing a wide-range of programmatic and research issues related to functioning, disability and access. Several agencies talked about incorporating ICF into their data gathering and data analysis. The full 15 page report is attached as "DEC5ICFMTG...".

8. MARCH 11, 2003 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS (Feb. 11 Letter of Intent requested). In 2003, \$1.5 million will be available to split up for up to 10 grants, and faith-based, foreign, domestic, university, government entities may apply. Awards will be made in December 2003. Some suggested topics are: Processes Underlying Self-Report; Processes Underlying Observation Measures; Research Design; Measurement Issues; Data Collection Techniques; Analytic Methods; and Data Display. The "Dynamic Health Assessments for Medical Rehabilitation Outcome" awards seem suited to many ICF projects, which we are told would be welcome submissions. The "Helpful Hints" attachment will be a guide for applicants. Applicants can also discuss their ideas with Dr. Quatranio:

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9. DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ICF WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED? The World Health Assembly UNANIMOUSLY (nearly 200 countries) approved the resolution on May 21, 2001, including approval by the U.S. and Canadian representatives. Sixteen countries took the floor and made very positive comments. Here is exactly what was approved: "WHA Resolution Text: The Fifty-fourth World Health Assembly,

(1) ENDORSES the second edition of the 'International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health' (ICF).
(2) URGES Member States to utilize the ICF in their research, surveillance and reporting as appropriate, taking into account specific situations in

Member States, and , in particular, in view of potential future revisions;

(3) REQUESTS the Director General to assist Member States, on request, to make use of ICF."

10. SEND YOUR ICF ABSTRACT TO APHA BY FEB. 3-7. The DisAbility Forum usually has most of the ICF papers, but there are over 20 sections now welcoming submissions for the American Public Health Association 131st Annual Meeting and Exposition to be held November 15-19, 2003 in San Francisco, CA. Abstracts will only be accepted through the APHA Web site, <http://www.apha.org/meetings>

11. ASHA ADOPTS ICF FRAMEWORK. Check out an article in "Speech Pathology Online" at www.speechpathology.com by Travis Threats, "The Conceptual Framework of ASHA's New Scope of Practice for Speech-language Pathology". We quote: "In 2001, ASHA decided to use the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (WHO, 2001) as the framework for the profession in its Scope of Practice for Speech-Language Pathology (ASHA, 2001)...what is needed is not standardization of therapeutic approaches, which still need to be individualized to the client, but a standardized way of documenting and reporting results according to the components of the ICF."

12. SPOTLIGHT ON ICF_CLEARINGHOUSE STAFF. Meet more of the ICF Clearinghouse team. Last month, we spotlighted Diane Caulfeild of CIHI. This month, we are introducing you to the remainder of the staff, Paul Placek and Linda Washington of NCHS/CDC and David Gray and Patricia Welch Saleeby of Washington University. Bios and photos follow.